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Addendum

Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit of interest to the United Nations Development Programme

1. The Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) has prepared nine reports since the last note by the Administrator to the Executive Board (DP/1994/10/Add.5) on this subject. Of these, seven are of interest or concern to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and to the Executive Board, and are the subject of the present note.

2. Throughout the year, full cooperation was extended to JIU by UNDP, both at headquarters and in the country offices, as and when necessary, in developing the JIU overall annual work programme, and in the preparation of the individual reports. Thereafter, comments on the drafts or final versions of these reports were provided to JIU by UNDP either separately or as part of consolidated views from the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC).

3. The contents of the JIU reports have been taken into account, as necessary, in the activities of UNDP and will be reflected in the reports before the Executive Board in so far as they are relevant to the respective agenda items for its sessions during the year. The reports and their status, including the actions pending or taken thereon are as follows:

JIU/REP/94/1 United Nations system support for science and technology in Africa

No formal action has been taken by the governing bodies because the comments of ACC are not yet available.

JIU/REP/94/3 Advancement of the status of women in the United Nations secretariat in an era of "human resources management" and "accountability": A new beginning?

The report was submitted to the Fifth Committee during the forty-ninth session of the General Assembly as an annex to document A/49/176, together with the comments of the Secretary-General (A/49/176/Add.1). The General Assembly, in its resolution 49/222 of 23 December 1994, took note of the report with appreciation.

JIU/REP/94/4 Communication for development programmes in the United Nations system

The report will be submitted to the UNESCO Executive Board at the 146th session to be held from 9 May to 2 June 1995. The comments of ACC are not yet available.

JIU/REP/94/6 Review and assessment of efforts to restructure the regional dimension of United Nations economic and social activities

The report will be submitted to the Fifth Committee during the first part of the resumed forty-ninth session of the General Assembly as an annex to document A/49/423.

JIU/REP/94/7 Staff turnover and delays in recruitment (the lapse factor)

The report will be submitted to the Fifth Committee during the first part of the resumed forty-ninth session of the General Assembly as an annex to document A/49/564. The comments of ACC are not yet available. The report was, however, considered by the UNESCO Executive Board in 1994.

JIU/REP/94/8 United Nations system common premises and services in the field

No formal action has been taken by the governing bodies because the comments of ACC are not yet available.

JIU/REP/94/9 National execution of projects

No formal action has been taken by the governing bodies because the comments of ACC are not yet available.

4. In 1994, JIU also issued the following reports:

JIU/REP/94/2 Evaluation of the regional presence of the International Telecommunication Union

The report was submitted to the ITU Council at its May 1994 session in document C94/69.

JIU/REP/94/5 Towards a new system of performance appraisal in the United Nations Secretariat: requirements for successful implementation

The report was submitted to the Fifth Committee during the forty-ninth session of the General Assembly as an annex to document A/49/219, together with the comments of the Secretary-General (A/49/219/Add.1). The General Assembly, in its resolution 49/222 of 23 December 1994, took note of the report with appreciation.

5. The Executive Board may wish to note that, at its thirty-eighth session, the General Assembly invited United Nations organs, when considering reports of the Joint Inspection Unit, to bear in mind the recommendation contained in paragraph 12 of the 1983 annual report of the Unit (resolution 38/229). The recommendation read as follows:

> "Because of the method of discussion of JIU reports in the past, clear decisions on the recommendations contained in JIU reports have not always been taken. This lack of clarity hinders effective follow-up by JIU. Legislative bodies of participating organizations could consider the possibility of adopting formulation along the following lines:
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> "(a) Approves recommendations _____, and _____;
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> "(b) Approves recommendations _____, and _____ in the light of the comments thereon by the Secretary-General (and/or ACC; and/or the debate in the Committee);
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> "(c) Reserves its position on recommendations _____, and _____ in the light of the debate in the Committee;
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> "(d) Does not approve recommendations _____, and _____."

At its forty-second session, the General Assembly requested all bodies of the United Nations system to examine closely those JIU reports that were within their respective areas of competence and to comment, as appropriate, on the recommendations contained therein (resolution 42/218).